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Week Ending: May 26, 1996

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 26, 1996. Hot, dry weather brought most planting operations to an end during the week so the main farming activities were caring for livestock, baling hay, and applying nitrogen. Sweet potato plantings in Calhoun County are behind the state average. Corn plants are showing stress from lack of water throughout the state. A good general rain is urgently needed. Soil moisture is 38 percent very short, 49 percent short, and 13 percent adequate.

Progress in Percentages							Conditions in Percentages					
ltem	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Corn	Planted	100	100	100	90	4	16	33	41	***************************************		
	Emerged	100	99	98	86					6		
	Silked	1		1	1							
Cotton	Planted	99	98	97	83	0	3	25	51	21		
	Emerged	97	91	85	72							
	Squaring	3		1	2							
Rice	Planted	100	98	100	80	0	5	21	67			
	Emerged	99	84	95	71					7		
Sorghum	Planted	94	89	91	73	0	10	31	50	Δ.		
	Emerged	83	74	85	66					9		
Soybeans	Planted	84	76	62	38	1	10	32	43	4.4		
	Emerged	70	56	50	29					14		
Wheat	Mature	50	37	50	49		6	15	54	or.		
	Harvested	1	0	6	5					25		
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	80	63	61	~	6	23	46	21	4		
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	10	5	4								
Peaches	Harvested	0		1	7	87	9	3	1	***		
Peanuts	Planted	96	91	97	70		1	8	41	50		
Sweet potatoes	Planted	14	14	19	28							
Watermelons	Planted	92	92	92	88	2	13	50	35			
Blueberries						29	52	8	9	2		
Cattle						3	18	35	37	7		
Pasture						12	26	40	21	1		

County Agent Comments

"We have had to start irrigating corn. We are starting to pick up yellow-striped army worms in cotton. Some terminal damage is being observed."

- Charlie Estess, Coahoma County

"Crops are not growing due to hot, dry weather. Sweet potato planting is three weeks behind schedule. Herbicides are not holding weeds back, winter cool season hay was poor in quality and quantity."

- Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"The entire county is in dire need for a good general rain. Most soybean planting has stopped because producers are planting in the dust. Cotton producers are busy this week putting out nitrogen and cultivating. Hay cut this week looks much better than last week's cuttings."

- Otis L. Davis, Madison County

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